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But most of them, even to-their dying hour,
Retain a Mind more lively, quick, and
strong, And better use their Understanding
Power, Than when their brains were
warm, and limbs were young.

For though the body wasted be and weak₅
And though the leaden form of earth
It bears; Yet when we hear that half-
dead body speak, We oft are
ravished to the heavenly spheres.

Yet say these men, " If all her organs die,
2. objection Then hath the Soul no power, her
Powers to use ! So in a sort her Powers
extinct do lie, When into Act She
cannot them reduce/"

" And if her Powers be dead, then what is
She ?

For since from everything, some Powers do
spring. And from those Powers some Acts
proceeding be : Then kill both Power and
Act, and kill the Thing ! "

Doubtless the Body's death, when once it
dies, Answer. The Instruments of Sense
and Life doth kill! So that She cannot use
those faculties. Although their root rest in
her substance still.

But as, the Body living, Wit and Will
Can judge and choose without the
Body's aid ! Though on such objects,
they are working still, As through the
Body's organs are conveyed :

So, when the Body serves her turn no
more, And all her Senses are extinct
and gone, She can discourse of what
She learned before,, In heavenly
contemplations all alone.

So if one man well on the lute doth play₅
And have good horsemanship, and
learning's skill; Though both his lute
and horse we take away; Doth he not
keep his former learning still ?